Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer consisting of,

a solvent, gold microparticles or gold-containing noble metal microparticles containing ~~5 wt% or more~~ over 50 wt% to 95 wt% of gold with a mean particle diameter of 1 to 100 nm, dispersed in the solvent, and a functional group-containing compound having at least one functional group selected from mercapto groups (-SH), sulfide groups (-S-), and polysulfide groups (-S, $X \geq 2$).

17. (cancelled):

18. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to Claim 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein the gold-containing noble metal microparticles are gold-coated silver microparticles in which the surface of silver microparticles is coated with gold.

19. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer consisting of,

a solvent, gold microparticles or gold-containing noble metal microparticles containing ~~5 wt%~~ over 50 wt% to 95 wt% ~~or more~~ of gold with a mean particle diameter of 1 to 100 nm,

dispersed in the solvent, and a functional group-containing compound having at least one functional group selected from mercapto groups (-SH), sulfide groups (-S-), and polysulfide groups (-S, $X \geq 2$); and,

an inorganic binder containing silica sol.

20. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to Claims 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein the functional group-containing compound is a compound containing in its molecules hydrolysable alkoxysilyl groups or functional groups produced by hydrolysis of these groups.

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to claim 19,

~~a solvent, gold microparticles or gold-containing noble metal microparticles containing 5 wt% or more of gold with a mean particle diameter of 1 to 100 nm, dispersed in the solvent, and a functional group-containing compound having at least one functional group selected from mercapto groups (-SH), sulfide groups (-S-), and polysulfide groups (-S, $X \geq 2$) and an inorganic binder containing silica sol,~~ wherein the gold-containing noble metal microparticles are gold-coated silver microparticles in which the surface of silver microparticles is coated with gold.

23. (previously presented): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to claim 18, wherein the functional group-containing compound is a compound

containing in its molecules hydrolysable alkoxysilyl groups or functional groups produced by hydrolysis of these groups.

24. (previously presented): A coating liquid for forming a transparent conductive layer according to claim 19, wherein the functional group-containing compound is a compound containing in its molecules hydrolysable alkoxysilyl groups or functional groups produced by hydrolysis of these groups.

Claims 25-28 (cancelled):